The State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been requested for their views on the recommendations contained in the above mentioned Report as the Criminal Law and the Criminal Procedure are on the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.

Recommendations of Justice Ahamadi Committee Report on NHRC

828. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the NHRC sent its recommendations for improving its functions based on the Justice Ahamadi Committee Report to the Ministry of Home Affairs on March, 7, 2000;

(b) if so, Government's response in this regard and reasons for delaying to take up the remedial measures to strengthen Commission's functioning;

(c) whether it is a fact that the 7th annual report of the Commission alongwith the Memorandum of Action taken has not been laid on the Table of the Houses of Parliament; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Based on the recommendations of Justice Ahamadi Committee, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has suggested certain amendments to the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. The Government has initiated action in the matter.

(c) and (d) The 7th annual Report of the Commission alongwith the Memorandum of Action Taken has already been laid on the Table of both Houses of Parliament on 23-4-2002 and 24-4-2002 respectively.

Disuading Government servants from demanding dowry

829. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Bihar has enacted a new legislation disuading all newly recruited employees from demanding dowry;

(b) whether the Central Government also propose to bring forward such a legislation for its employees; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) State Government of Bihar has notified State Dowry Prohibition Rules, 2003 under Section 10 of Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 which provides for declaration by Government servant to the Head of the Department after his marriage that he has not taken any dowry. Further, under Bihar Government Servant Conduct Rules, 1976, there is a provision prohibiting demanding or giving dowry by State Government employees.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal to bring forward new legislation as Rule 13-A of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 provides that no Government servant shall (i) give or take or abet the giving or taking of dowry; or (ii) demand directly or indirectly, from the parent or guardian of a bride or bridegroom, as the case may be, any dowry.

Monetary assistance received by terrorists through Hawala

†830. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that separatists/terrorists of J&K received illegal monetary assistance through 'Hawala';

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that annual figure amounts to Rs. 250 crores;

(c) if not, the information Government have in this regard; and

(d) the average annual illegal amount seized by the administration during the recent years which was meant for terrorists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes Sir, Hawala is one of the sources of funds for sustaining separatists/terrorists in J&K.

(b) and (c) It is not possible to quantify the exact amount involved. However, according to estimates of various agencies, the monthly flow of funds is believed to be between Rs. 5 and 10 crore.

(d) As per information that has become available from various sources, over Rs. 4.00 crore in Indian currency and approximately $10.50 Lacs in foreign currency in addition to approximately Rs. 11.50 Lacs in fake currency suspected to be meant for separatists/terrorists have been seized during the recent years.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.